

**LOUISVILLE/JEFFERSON COUNTY
METRO ETHICS COMMISSION MINUTES
October 28, 2010**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Ms. Thelma Clemons
Mr. Skip Daleure
Mr. Terry Conway
Ms. Karyl Ferman
Mr. Jonathan Ricketts
Ms. Vicki Tabler

OTHERS PRESENT

Ms. Janet Black, Admin. Support, HR
Ms. Elizabeth M. Hoffman, Majority Dir. Metro Council
Mr. Corey Koellner

The Louisville/Jefferson County Metro Ethics Commission met on Thursday, October 28, 2010 at Memorial Auditorium. The meeting was called to order at 3:30 p.m.

Mr. Jonathan Ricketts asked the Commission approval of the minutes from August 19, 2010, Special Meeting of September 30, 2010 and Conference Call of October 7, 2010. Mr. Terry Conway made a motion to change Conference Call of October 7, 2010 to Meeting of October 7, 2010 and to accept the minutes as written. Mr. Skip Daleure seconded the motion and it was moved.

Old Business

Advisory Opinion 10-D-002

Mr. Ricketts opened the floor for discussion concerning Advisory Opinion 10-D-002 on whether it would be a violation for Cynthia Knapke to accept an offer for consulting work along attending conferences paid for by Monty's Joy Juice, who has been a small scale sponsor of Brightside programs. Mr. Daleure stated that Section §21.02 (D) of the Ordinance states that no Metro Office shall undertake any employment or service which might be expected to influence that Officer judgment in the exercise of his/her official duties. Another point brought up in discussion was the appearance of how it would look to the public to accept this offer from a supporter of your program.

Mr. Ricketts presented the question of if whether or not accepting a consulting opportunity from this vendor would conflict with the Metro Ethics Code. The Ethics Commission voted unanimously that it would be a direct violation with the Ethics Code. Mr. Daleure made a motion to accept this determination, Mr. Conway seconded and the motion was moved.

Ethics Commission Attorney

Mr. Ricketts informed the Commission that a decision will need to be made whether to hire or contract the employment of an attorney to represent the Ethics Commission. Mr. Daleure pointed out that the Ordinance states in Section §21.05 (E) that the Ethics Commission shall employ Legal Counsel on contract either on a full-time or part-time basis. Mr. Ricketts pointed out that the Ordinance also stated "*provided that if Legal Counsel is employed*" . . . , which also could mean that legal counsel wouldn't have to be hired for the Commission. Mr. Ricketts stated that this would be another area to address with the Metro Council to simplify the language that is in the Ordinance. Members stated that they felt as if clarification was

needed to address this requirement. Mr. Ricketts put a motion on the table for the Commission to decide if they would like to table the decision until a response is received from the County Attorney for clarification. The Ethics Commission voted unanimously to table the decision until a response is received from the County Attorney. Ms. Karyl Ferman seconded the motion and it was moved.

New Business

Implement New Language to FDS

Mr. Ricketts presented to the Commission information about changing some of the language in the Financial Disclosure Statement from “immediate family members” to “family members as changed in the new Ordinance. The Commission unanimously voted to adopt the changes to the disclosure statements.

The Commission began discussion of the Ethics Complaint 10-P-002. The discussion ended at 5:10 pm